

ABOUT THE ABBOTT WORLD MARATHON MAJORS

For runners across the globe, competing in an Abbott World Marathon Majors (AbbottWMM) race is a significant accomplishment. Six of the largest and most renowned road races in the world—the Tokyo, Boston, Virgin Money London, BMW BERLIN, Bank of America Chicago, and TCS New York City marathons—make up AbbottWMM. The organization delivers several unique benefits to runners:

- **Unparalleled experiences:** Operational excellence at each race ensures a premium race-day journey for runners.
- **Championship Series:** Professional runners competing in AbbottWMM qualifying events compete for a prize purse every year.
- **Advancement of marathoning:** AbbottWMM organizers aggressively champion anti-doping protocols and other efforts to move the sport forward.

History

Organizers of the Boston, London, Berlin, Chicago, and New York City marathons joined together in 2006 to create AbbottWMM with a mission of providing global leadership in elite and mass participation marathons. The Tokyo Marathon entered the collective in 2013. These industry-leading organizations are now united in their effort to advance the sport, raise awareness of marathons' elite athletes, and increase the level of interest in elite racing among running enthusiasts.

In October 2014, Abbott, a global healthcare company, and the World Marathon Majors announced a new partnership. Abbott became the race series' first-ever title sponsor, effective at the 2015 Tokyo Marathon. Tim Hadzima was appointed as the general manager of the Abbott World Marathon Majors in December 2014.

A new series format—a one-year cycle of qualifying races—was announced in February 2015, beginning at the 2015 Tokyo Marathon, replacing the previous two-year series format. In April 2015, it was also announced that the series would expand to include wheelchair athletes, starting at the 2016 Boston Marathon.

Recently, AbbottWMM announced an agreement with Dalian Wanda Group Co., Ltd to develop a ten-year strategic partnership aimed at expanding the Series with events added in new regions such as Asia (outside Japan) and Africa. The organization is now in an ongoing process identifying candidate races that will be required to meet AbbottWMM's stringent criteria before selection for the Series.

In addition, AbbottWMM expanded its prize structure and introduced a new charity program for its Series XI, which began at the Virgin Money London Marathon on Sunday, April 23, 2017. The prize money is now restructured to recognize and reward the top three men's and women's finishers in both the open and wheelchair Series. Previously, only the individual champions received prize money.

Through the new charity program, a total donation of \$280,000 will be made in the name of the race winners of the seven races that make up Series XI, which include the 2017 Virgin Money London, BMW BERLIN, Bank of America Chicago and TCS New York City Marathons, and the 2018 Tokyo, Boston, and Virgin Money London Marathons.

Series Format

The champions of the Abbott World Marathon Majors are determined through a one-year cycle of Qualifying Races featuring unprecedented anti-doping protocols. The Abbott World Marathon Majors Series cycles through one year of competition and consists of the following Qualifying Races: Tokyo Marathon, Boston Marathon, Virgin Money London Marathon, BMW BERLIN MARATHON, Bank of America Chicago Marathon, TCS New York City Marathon, Olympic/Paralympic Marathon and IAAF/World Para Athletics Championships Marathon.

Point System: The champions of the AbbottWMM Series are the male and female athletes who score the greatest number of points from Qualifying Races during the one-year scoring period. During each scoring period, points from a maximum of two Qualifying Races will be scored. An athlete must start in two Qualifying Races over the Series cycle to be eligible for the championship. If an athlete earns points in more than two events, the athlete’s highest two finishes will be scored.

Points are allocated following each race as follows:

1st place	2nd place	3rd place	4th place	5th place
25 points	16 points	9 points	4 points	1 point

Doping Violations: Under AbbottWMM rules, no athlete who has been found guilty of any anti-doping rules enforced by the IAAF, World Anti-Doping Association (WADA), National Federations, or any of the individual AbbottWMM races is eligible to win the AbbottWMM championship title. Athletes must comply with the AbbottWMM Code of Conduct.

Prize Purse: The AbbottWMM prize structure was expanded for this year to reward the top three men’s and women’s finishers in both the open and wheelchair series, with a total prize purse of \$1,100,000. A new charity program was introduced, which will give a total donation of \$280,000 in the name of the winners of each of the races that make up Series XI. Each race winner in the open and wheelchair divisions will be honored with an Abbott World Marathon Majors \$10,000 donation in their name to a charity chosen by the race.

	Series XI Men	Series XI Women	Wheelchair Series XI Men	Wheelchair Series XI Women	Series XI Charity Program	Total
1st	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$280,000	\$880,000
2nd	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$25,000		\$150,000
3rd	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$10,000		\$70,000
Total	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$280,000	\$1,100,000

Series: Each series starts and ends at the same Qualifying race over a one-year period.

Series XI	2017 Virgin Money London Marathon to 2018 Virgin Money London Marathon
Series XII	2018 BMW BERLIN MARATHON to 2019 BMW BERLIN MARATHON
Series XIII	2019 Bank of America Chicago Marathon to 2020 Bank of America Chicago Marathon
Series XIV	2020 TCS New York City Marathon to 2021 TCS New York City Marathon

Abbott World Marathon Majors Races—Series XI

Race	Date
Virgin Money London Marathon	Sunday, April 23, 2017
IAAF World Championships Marathon	Sunday, August 6, 2017
BMW BERLIN MARATHON	Sunday, September 24, 2017
Bank of America Chicago Marathon	Sunday, October 8, 2017
TCS New York City Marathon	Sunday, November 5, 2017
Tokyo Marathon	Sunday, February 25, 2018
Boston Marathon	Monday, April 16, 2018
Virgin Money London Marathon	Sunday, April 22, 2018

Abbott World Marathon Majors Series XI Leaderboards

Runners—Men

1. Geoffrey Kirui, KEN	25
1. Daniel Wanjiru, KEN	25
1. Eliud Kipchoge, KEN	25
1. Galen Rupp, USA	25
5. Abel Kirui, KEN	20
6. Kenenisa Bekele, ETH	16
6. Tamirat Tola, ETH	16
6. Guye Adola, ETH	16
9. Alphonse Simbu, TAN	10
10. Bedan Karoki, KEN	9
10. Mosinet Geremew, ETH	9
10. Bernard Kipyego, KEN	9
13. Callum Hawkins, GBR	4
13. Felix Kandie, KEN	4
13. Sisay Lemma, ETH	4
16. Gideon Kipkeeter, KEN	1
16. Vincent Kipruto, KEN	1
16. Stephen Sambu, KEN	1

Runners—Women

1. Tirunesh Dibaba, ETH	41
2. Rose Chelimo, BRN	25
2. Mary Keitany, KEN	25
2. Gladys Cherono, KEN	25
5. Edna Kiplagat, KEN	16
5. Ruti Aga, ETH	16
5. Brigid Kosgei, KEN	16
8. Aselefech Mergia, ETH	9
8. Amy Cragg, USA	9
8. Valary Aiyabei, KEN	9
8. Jordan Hasay, USA	9
12. Vivian Cherulyot, KEN	4
12. Flomena Daniel, KEN	4
12. Helen Tola, KEN	4
12. Madaf Pérez, MEX	4
16. Lisa Weightman, AUS	1
16. Shure Demise, ETH	1
16. Anna Hahner, GER	1
16. Valentine Kipkeeter, KEN	1

Abbott World Marathon Majors Series XI Leaderboards***Wheelchair Athletes—Men***

1.	Marcel Hug, SUI	66
2.	David Weir, GBR	25
2.	Kurt Fearnley, AUS	25
4.	Kota Hokinoue, JPN	16
5.	Ryota Yoshida, JPN	9
5.	Jordi Madera Jimenez, ESP	9
7.	Ernst van Dyk, RSA	4
7.	Heinz Frei, SUI	4
7.	Sho Watanabe, JPN	4
10.	Rafael Botello Jimenez, ESP	2
11.	Johnboy Smith, GBR	1

Wheelchair Athletes—Women

1.	Manuela Schär, SUI	59
2.	Amanda McGrory, USA	32
3.	Tatyana McFadden, USA	25
4.	Sandra Graf, SUI	16
5.	Susannah Scaroni, USA	9
5.	Annika Zeyen, GER	9
7.	Margriet Van Den Broek, NED	4
7.	Patricia Keller, SUI	4
7.	Madison de Rozario, AUS	4
10.	Jade Jones, GBR	1
10.	Mel Nicholls, GBR	1
10.	Sammi Kinghorn, GBR	1

ABBOTT WORLD MARATHON MAJORS 2017 RESULTS

Tokyo Marathon—Series X

February 26, 2017

Runners—Men

1. Wilson Kipsang, KEN	2:03:58
2. Gideon Kipketer, KEN	2:05:51
3. Dickson Chumba, KEN	2:06:25
4. Evans Chebet, KEN	2:06:42
5. Alfery Lagat, KEN	2:07:39
6. Bernard Kipyego, KEN	2:08:10
7. Yohane Ghebregergish, ERI	2:08:14
8. Hiroto Inoue, JPN	2:08:22
9. Tsegaye Kebede, ETH	2:08:45
10. Hiroyuki Yamamoto, JPN	2:09:12

Runners—Women

1. Sarah Chepchirchir, KEN	2:19:47
2. Birhane Dibaba, ETH	2:21:19
3. Amane Gobena, ETH	2:23:09
4. Ayaka Fujimoto, JPN	2:27:08
5. Marta Lema, ETH	2:27:37
6. Sara Hall, USA	2:28:26
7. Madoka Nakano, JPN	2:33:00
8. Kotomi Takayama, JPN	2:34:44
9. Hiroko Yoshitomi, JPN	2:35:11
10. Mitsuko Ino, JPN	2:39:33

Wheelchair Athletes—Men

1. Sho Watanabe, JPN	1:28:01
2. Marcel Hug, SUI	1:28:01
3. Tomoki Suzuki, JPN	1:28:02
4. Ryota Yoshida, JPN	1:28:03
5. Josh George, USA	1:28:03

Wheelchair Athletes—Women

1. Amanda McGrory, USA	1:43:27
2. Manuela Schär, SUI	1:43:27
3. Susannah Scaroni, USA	1:43:29
4. Lihong Zou, CHN	1:44:28
5. Kazumi Nakayama, JPN	1:46:11

Boston Marathon—Series X

April 17, 2017

Runners—Men

1. Geoffrey Kirui, KEN	2:09:37
2. Galen Rupp, USA	2:09:58
3. Suguru Osako, JPN	2:10:28
4. Shadrack Biwott, USA	2:12:08
5. Wilson Chebet, KEN	2:12:35
6. Abdi Abdurahman, USA	2:12:45
7. Augustus Maiyo, USA	2:13:16
8. Dino Sefir, ETH	2:14:26
9. Luke Puskedra, USA	2:14:45
10. Jared Ward, USA	2:15:28

Runners—Women

1. Edna Kiplagat, KEN	2:21:52
2. Rose Chelimo, BRN	2:22:51
3. Jordan Hasay, USA	2:23:00
4. Desiree Linden, USA	2:25:06
5. Gladys Cherono, KEN	2:27:20
6. Valentine Kipketer, KEN	2:39:35
7. Buzunesh Deba, ETH	2:30:58
8. Brigid Koegei, KEN	2:31:48
9. Diane Nukuri, BDI	2:32:24
10. Ruti Aga, ETH	2:33:26

Wheelchair Athletes—Men

1. Marcel Hug, SUI	1:18:04
2. Ernst van Dyk, RSA	1:18:04
3. Hiroyuki Yamamoto, JPN	1:19:32
4. Kurt Fearnley, AUS	1:20:28
5. Hiroki Nishida, JPN	1:20:28

Wheelchair Athletes—Women

1. Manuela Schär, SUI	1:28:17
2. Amanda McGrory, USA	1:33:13
3. Susannah Scaroni, USA	1:33:17
4. Tatyana McFadden, USA	1:35:05
5. Chelsea McClammer, USA	1:37:09

**Virgin Money
London Marathon—Series XI**

April 23, 2017

Runners—Men

1. Daniel Wanjiru, KEN	2:05:48
2. Kenenisa Bekele, ETH	2:05:57
3. Bedan Karoki, KEN	2:07:41
4. Abel Kirui, KEN	2:07:45
5. Alphonce Simbu, TAN	2:09:10
6. Ghirmay Ghebreslassie, ERI	2:09:57
7. Asefa Mengstu, ETH	2:10:04
8. Amanuel Mesel, ERI	2:10:44
9. Javier Guerra, ESP	2:10:55
10. Michael Shelley, AUS	2:11:38

Runners—Women

1. Mary Keitany, KEN	2:17:01
2. Tirunesh Dibaba, ETH	2:17:56
3. Aselefech Mergia, ETH	2:23:08
4. Vivian Cheruiyot, KEN	2:23:50
5. Lisa Weightman, AUS	2:25:15
6. Laura Thweatt, USA	2:25:38
7. Helah Kiprop, KEN	2:25:39
8. Tigist Tufa, ETH	2:25:52
9. Florence Kiplagat, KEN	2:26:25
10. Jessica Trengove, AUS	2:27:01

Wheelchair Athletes—Men

1. David Weir, GBR	1:31:06
2. Marcel Hug, SUI	1:31:07
3. Kurt Fearnley, AUS	1:31:07
4. Ernst van Dyk, RSA	1:31:08
5. Rafael Botello Jimenez, ESP	1:31:09

Wheelchair Athletes—Women

1. Manuela Schär, SUI	1:39:57
2. Amanda McGrory, USA	1:44:34
3. Susannah Scaroni, USA	1:47:37
4. Margriet van den Broek, NED	1:49:50
5. Jade Jones, GBR	1:51:46

**IAAF World Championships
Marathon—Series XI**

August 6, 2017

Runners—Men

1. Geoffrey Kirui, KEN	2:08:27
2. Tamirat Tola, ETH	2:09:49
3. Alphonce Simbu, TAN	2:09:51
4. Callum Hawkins, GBR	2:10:17
5. Gideon Kipkeeter, KEN	2:10:56
6. Daniele Meucci, ITA	2:10:56
7. Yohanes Ghebregergis, ERI	2:12:07
8. Daniel Kinyua Wanjiru, KEN	2:12:16
9. Yuki Kawauchi, JPN	2:12:19
10. Kentaro Nakamoto, JPN	2:12:41

Runners—Women

1. Rose Chelimo, BRN	2:27:11
2. Edna Kiplagat, KEN	2:27:18
3. Amy Cragg, USA	2:27:18
4. Flomena Daniel, KEN	2:27:21
5. Shure Demise, ETH	2:27:58
6. Eunice Kirwa, BRN	2:28:17
7. Helah Kiprop, KEN	2:28:19
8. Mare Dibaba, ETH	2:28:49
9. Jessica Trengove, AUS	2:28:59
10. Berhane Dibaba, ETH	2:29:01

BMW Berlin Marathon— Series XI

September 24, 2017

Runners—Men

1.	Eliud Kipchoge, KEN	2:03:32
2.	Guye Adola, ETH	2:03:46
3.	Mosinet Geremew, ETH	2:06:12
4.	Felix Kandie, KEN	2:06:13
5.	Vincent Kipruto, KEN	2:06:14
6.	Yuta Shitara, JPN	2:09:03
7.	Hiroaki Sano, JPN	2:11:24
8.	Ryan Vail, USA	2:12:40
9.	Liam Adams, AUS	2:12:52
10.	Jonathan Mellor, GBR	2:12:57

Runners—Women

1.	Gladys Cherono, KEN	2:20:23
2.	Ruti Aga, ETH	2:20:41
3.	Valary Aiyabei, KEN	2:20:53
4.	Helen Tola, ETH	2:22:51
5.	Anna Hahner, GER	2:28:32
6.	Catherine Bertone, ITA	2:28:34
7.	Sonia Samuels, GBR	2:29:34
8.	Azucena Diaz, ESP	2:30:31
9.	Catarina Ribeiro, POR	2:33:13
10.	Kim Dillen, NED	2:33:24

Wheelchair Athletes—Men

1.	Marcel Hug, SUI	1:29:03
2.	Kota Hokinoue, JPN	1:32:42
3.	Ryota Yoshida, JPN	1:32:43
4.	Johnboy Smith, GBR	1:32:45
5.	Hiroki Nishida, JPN	1:32:47

Wheelchair Athletes—Women

1.	Manuela Schär, SUI	1:40:05
2.	Sandra Graf, SUI	1:45:24
3.	Annika Zeyen, GER	1:51:02
4.	Patricia Keller, SUI	1:57:27
5.	Mel Nicholls, GBR	1:58:10

Bank of America Chicago Marathon

October 8, 2017

Runners—Men

1.	Galen Rupp, USA	2:09:20
2.	Abel Kirui, KEN	2:09:48
3.	Bernard Kipyego, KEN	2:10:23
4.	Sisay Lemma, ETH	2:11:01
5.	Stephen Sambu, KEN	2:11:07
6.	Kohei Matsumura, JPN	2:11:46
7.	Ezekiel Chebii, KEN	2:12:12
8.	Zersenay Tadese, ERI	2:12:19
9.	Chris Derrick, USA	2:12:50
10.	Michael Shelley, AUS	2:12:52

Runners—Women

1.	Tirunesh Dibaba, ETH	2:18:31
2.	Brigid Kosgei, KEN	2:20:22
3.	Jordan Hasay, USA	2:20:57
4.	Madaí Pérez, MEX	2:24:44
5.	Valentine Kipketer, KEN	2:28:05
6.	Lisa Weightman, AUS	2:28:45
7.	Maegan Krifchin, USA	2:33:46
8.	Alia Gray, USA	2:34:25
9.	Taylor Ward, USA	2:35:27
10.	Becky Wade, USA	2:35:46

Wheelchair Athletes—Men

1.	Marcel Hug, SUI	1:29:23
2.	Kurt Fearnley, AUS	1:30:24
3.	Jordi Madera Jimenez, ESP	1:30:25
4.	Sho Watanabe, JPN	1:30:26
5.	Rafael Botello Jimenez, ESP	1:30:27

Wheelchair Athletes—Women

1.	Tatyana McFadden, USA	1:39:15
2.	Amanda McGrory, USA	1:39:15
3.	Manuela Schär, SUI	1:39:17
4.	Madison de Rozario, AUS	1:39:22
5.	Sammi Kinghorn, GBR	1:43:52

PAST SERIES CHAMPIONS

Series I (2006–07)

Men: Robert K. Cheruiyot, Kenya

Women: Gete Wami, Ethiopia

Series II (2007–08)

Men: Martin Lel, Kenya

Women: Irina Mikitenko, Germany

Series III (2008–09)

Men: Samuel Wanjiru, Kenya

Women: Irina Mikitenko, Germany

Series IV (2009–10)

Men: Samuel Wanjiru, Kenya

Women: Irina Mikitenko, Germany*

Series V (2010–11)

Men: Emmanuel Mutai, Kenya

Women: Edna Kiplagat, Kenya*

Series VI (2011–12)

Men: Geoffrey Mutai, Kenya

Women: Mary Keitany, Kenya

Series VII (2012–13)

Men: Tsegaye Kebede, Ethiopia

Women: Priscah Jeptoo, Kenya

Series VIII (2013–14)

Men: Wilson Kipsang, Kenya

Women: Edna Kiplagat, Kenya**

Series IX (2015–16)

Men: Eliud Kipchoge, Kenya

Women: Mary Keitany, Kenya

Series IX (2015–16)

Men: Eliud Kipchoge, Kenya

Women: Jemima Sumgong, Kenya***

Wheelchair Men:

Marcel Hug, Switzerland

Wheelchair Women:

Tatyana McFadden, United States

* Liliya Shobukhova (RUS) was the original winner of Series IV and V but she was banned from competition for a doping violation in April 2014, and all of her results since October 9, 2009 have been annulled.

** Rita Jeptoo (KEN) won four races in the 2013/14 series but gave positive A and B samples in an out-of-competition test in September 2014. Her standings and the final results of the 2013/14 Series have been determined at the completion of the due legal process and the outcome of an appeal. As a result, the Series VIII title has been awarded to Edna Kiplagat.

*** A winner of the women's Series X championship will be named once the doping investigation and legal process is complete for Jemima Sumgong (KEN), who won two races but gave a positive sample in an out-of-competition test in February 2017.

ABOUT THE TOKYO MARATHON

Organized by the Tokyo Marathon Foundation, the inaugural Tokyo Marathon was held on February 18, 2007, and drew 95,044 applicants and 30,870 participants. Kenya’s Daniel Njenga (2:09:45) and Japan’s Hitomi Niiya (2:31:01) were the first champions. Since then, the Tokyo Marathon has grown to over 300,000 applicants and nearly 36,000 participants. Through its theme, “The Day We Unite,” the Tokyo Marathon brings together runners, volunteers and spectators. In 2011, the Tokyo Marathon implemented its own charity program, “Run with Heart,” through which donors can contribute to various charitable activities. In 2016 and 2017, the number of charity runner entrants reached its capacity of 3,000, and the capacity has been increased to 4,000 for 2018.

From its 10th anniversary event, the 2016 Tokyo Marathon, the official race logo has been renewed to present the portrayed images of the runners, volunteers and cheering crowds along the course, which symbolizes the race theme “The Day We Unite.” In addition, the last Tokyo Marathon, which was held on February 26, 2017, featured a new course that finishes in front of the Tokyo station area for the first time. As Tokyo was chosen to host the 2020 Olympic Games, the Tokyo Marathon is also gaining more attention and popularity from home and abroad. The 2018 Tokyo Marathon will be held on Sunday, February 25, 2018.

Inaugural Running

2007

Largest Field (total finishers)

34,819—2013

Recent Participation

YEAR	FINISHERS	MALE	FEMALE
2007	25,102	19,505	5,597
2008	26,665	20,738	5,927
2009	29,128	22,807	6,321
2010	30,182	23,823	6,359
2011	32,415	24,678	7,737
2012	34,678	27,355	7,323
2013	34,819	27,819	7,000
2014	34,126	27,203	6,923
2015	34,049	26,827	7,222
2016	34,697	27,121	7,576
2017	33,974	26,278	7,696

Estimated Number of Spectators

1.4 million

Prize Purse

¥20,250,000 (about \$183,900) for both men and women, with ¥11,000,000 (about \$99,900) apiece for the male and female champions)

Official Charities

Tokyo Marathon 2018 Charity “Run with Heart” (Sports Legacy Program by Tokyo Marathon Foundation, and 14 other recipient programs)

Event Records

Runners—Men:

2:03:58—Wilson Kipsang, KEN, 2017

Runners—Women:

2:19:47—Sarah Chepchirchir, KEN, 2017

Wheelchair Athletes—Men:

1:26:00—Kurt Fearnley, AUS, 2016

Wheelchair Athletes—Women:

1:41:04—Wakako Tsuchida, JPN, 2016

ABOUT THE VIRGIN MONEY LONDON MARATHON

In 1979, after running the New York City Marathon with John Disley, the late Chris Brasher questioned whether London could stage such a festival: “We have the course . . . but do we have the heart and hospitality to welcome the world?” Later that year, Brasher traveled to America, where the running boom of the late 1970’s had started. He witnessed the Boston Marathon and revisited the New York City race. He studied both races’ organizations and finances. On his return, Brasher and Disley secured a three-year contract with Gillette for £75,000, established the organization’s charitable status, and set down six main aims for the event. The first London Marathon was held on March 29, 1981. More than 20,000 people wanted to run; 7,747 were accepted. There were 6,255 finishers, led home by American Dick Beardsley and Norwegian Inge Simonsen. Joyce Smith broke the British record to win the women’s race. The 1982 race received more than 90,000 applicants from around the world. The entry was limited to 18,059.

Since then, the London Marathon has grown to more than 39,000 starters and finishers, and elite runners compete for \$313,000 in prize money. Both the men’s and women’s pro runner world records have been set in the race, including the current women’s mark of 2:15:25, set by Paula Radcliffe of Great Britain in 2003. The race is viewed in more than 196 countries worldwide and watched by between four and five million viewers in the UK via the BBC.

Inaugural Running

1981

Largest Field (total finishers)

39,487—2017

Recent Participation

YEAR	FINISHERS	MALE	FEMALE
2005	35,105	24,641	10,464
2006	33,222	24,825	10,875
2007	34,497	23,576	10,921
2008	34,497	23,576	10,921
2009	35,268	24,231	11,037
2010	36,550	24,423	12,127
2011	34,838	22,525	12,313
2012	36,748	23,684	13,064
2013	34,280	22,031	12,249
2014	35,800	22,608	13,272
2015	37,671	23,281	14,390
2016	39,140	24,020	15,120
2017	39,487	23,978	15,509

Estimated Number of Spectators

759,000

Total Prize Purse

\$313,000 (\$55,000 apiece for the male and female champions) plus time and record bonuses)

Official Charity

Teenage Cancer Trust (2018)

Event Records

Runners—Men:

2:03:05—Eliud Kipchoge, KEN, 2016

Runners—Women:

2:17:01—Mary Keitany, KEN, 2017

(women only)

2:15:25—Paula Radcliffe, GBR, 2003 (mixed)

Wheelchair Athletes—Men:

1:28:57—Kurt Fearnley, AUS, 2009

Wheelchair Athletes—Women:

1:41:14—Tatyana McFadden, USA, 2015

ABOUT THE BOSTON MARATHON

Inspired by their experience at the 1896 Olympic Games, several members of the Boston Athletic Association founded their own marathon in 1897. The race has been run every year since (though the 1918 edition featured a military relay rather than an individual race) and is now the world's oldest annual marathon. Both the start and finish lines have been moved over the years, but much of the original course remains exactly as it was originally designed.

Since 1924, the race has begun in the town of Hopkinton, and from there the point-to-point course descends through Ashland, Framingham, Natick and Wellesley. Upon entering Newton, the course gradually rises to the famous Heartbreak Hill. As runners reach the top, they can see downtown Boston for the first time, four miles in the distance. After running through Brookline, the course enters Boston where it finishes on historic Boylston Street. Runners must qualify for entry by meeting time standards corresponding to gender and age, which is another aspect—besides its course and longevity—unique to the Boston Marathon.

Inaugural Running

1897

Largest Field (total finishers)

35,868—1996

Recent Participation

YEAR	FINISHERS	MALE	FEMALE
2006	19,682	12,061	7,621
2007	20,338	12,364	7,974
2008	21,948	13,019	8,929
2009	22,843	13,545	9,298
2010	22,540	13,072	9,468
2011	23,913	13,839	10,074
2012	21,616	12,621	8,995
2013	17,600*	10,649	6,951
2014	31,925	17,582	14,343
2015	26,598	14,580	12,018
2016	26,629	14,463	12,166
2017	26,581	14,570	12,011

**Smaller total was due to diversion of runners from the finish area following terrorist attacks.*

Estimated Number of Spectators

500,000

Prize Purse

\$830,500 (\$150,000 apiece for the male and female champions, and \$20,000 for male and female wheelchair champions). Additional record bonuses also available

Official Charities

32

Event Records

Runners—Men:

2:03:02—Geoffrey Mutai, KEN, 2011

Runners—Women:

2:19:59—Buzunesh Deba, ETH, 2014

Wheelchair Athletes—Men

1:18:04—Marcel Hug, SUI, 2017

Wheelchair Athletes—Women

1:28:17—Manuela Schär, SUI, 2017

ABOUT THE BMW BERLIN MARATHON

A group of runners from one of Germany’s most prestigious athletics clubs, SC Charlottenburg, organized the first Berlin Marathon in 1974. In 1981, the race moved from the Grunewald (a large forest) into the city center of West Berlin. Supported by the three Western forces of Great Britain, France, and the United States, the race quickly developed into Germany’s biggest and highest-quality marathon. After the Berlin Wall collapsed in November of 1989, a new era began. On September 30, 1990, three days before reunification, the course of the Berlin Marathon was redirected through the Brandenburg Gate and both parts of Berlin. In the 2001 race, Naoko Takahashi became the first woman to break the 2:20 barrier. The flat and fast loop course was then changed significantly for the 2003 race.

The BMW Berlin Marathon has developed into one of the world’s finest road races. Paul Tergat of Kenya became the first man to cross the new finish line, passing through the Brandenburg Gate—the symbol for reunification—and setting a world record of 2:04:55. Haile Gebrselassie of Ethiopia further lowered the men’s world mark twice in Berlin—to 2:04:26 in 2007 and then to 2:03:59 a year later. In the 2011 race, Patrick Makau of Kenya set another new men’s world record of 2:03:38; in 2013, his countryman Wilson Kipsang lowered it again, to 2:03:23, and the current world mark of 2:02:57 was set the following year by Dennis Kimetto, also of Kenya.

Inaugural Running

1974

Largest Field (total finishers)

36,549—2013

Recent Participation:

YEAR	FINISHERS	MALE	FEMALE
2005	30,382	24,511	5,871
2006	30,190	24,103	6,087
2007	32,530	26,032	6,498
2008	35,746	28,340	7,406
2009	35,034	27,962	7,072
2010	34,056	26,626	7,430
2011	32,991	25,577	7,414
2012	34,350	26,452	7,898
2013	36,549	27,557	8,992
2014	28,946	22,178	6,768
2015	36,768	27,858	8,910
2016	35,999	26,772	9,227
2017	39,101	28,057	11,034

Estimated Number of Spectators

1.5 million

Prize Purse

\$340,000 (\$64,000 apiece for the male and female champions)

Event Records

Runners—Men:

2:02:57—Dennis Kimetto, KEN, 2014

Runners—Women:

2:19:12—Mizuki Noguchi, JPN, 2005

Wheelchair Athletes—Men:

1:21:39—Heinz Frei, SUI, 1997

Wheelchair Athletes—Women:

1:42:07—Janette Jansen, NED, 1992

ABOUT THE BANK OF AMERICA CHICAGO MARATHON

In 1976, a small band of running enthusiasts met at the Metropolitan YMCA on LaSalle Street to discuss and plan a marathon in Chicago. Backed by the athletic enthusiasm of the new Chicago Mayor, Michael Bilandic, and the leadership of Lee Flaherty, this founding group realized their vision on September 25, 1977, when they hosted 4,200 local participants in the first Chicago Marathon. The Bank of America Chicago Marathon has since expanded to 45,000 registered runners and an estimated 1.7 million on-course spectators. The flat and fast course begins and ends in historic Grant Park, sweeping through 29 diverse and colorful neighborhoods including Lakeview, Greektown, Little Italy, Pilsen, Chinatown, and Bronzeville. The loop course and abundance of public transportation options enables friends and family to cheer their runners on at many locations along the course. The Bank of America Chicago Marathon has a long history of hosting the world's fastest runners and has been the site of two men's world records (Steve Jones, 2:08:05, 1984; and Khalid Khannouchi, 2:05:42, 1999) and two women's world records (Catherine Ndereba, 2:18:47, 2001; and Paula Radcliffe, 2:17:18, 2002).

Inaugural Running

1977

Largest Field (total finishers)

44,341*—2017

Recent Participation

YEAR	FINISHERS	MALE	FEMALE
2005	32,868	18,602	14,266
2006	33,633	18,910	14,723
2007	25,534	15,348	10,186
2008	31,343	17,678	13,665
2009	33,703	19,077	14,626
2010	36,088	19,946	16,142
2011	35,775	20,284	15,471
2012	37,475	20,681	16,794
2013	39,122	21,595	17,527
2014	40,659	22,242	18,417
2015	37,459	20,207	17,252
2016	39,313	21,638	17,675
2017	44,341*	22,842	21,499

*Number is subject to change

Estimated Number of Spectators

1.7 million

Prize Purse

\$803,500 (\$100,000 apiece for the male and female champions, plus time and record bonuses)

Official Charities

170

Event Records

Runners—Men:

2:03:45—Dennis Kimetto, KEN, 2013

Runners—Women:

2:17:18—Paula Radcliffe, GBR, 2002

Wheelchair Athletes—Men:

1:26:56—Heinz Frei, SUI, 2010

Wheelchair Athletes—Women:

1:39:15—Tatyana McFadden, USA, 2017

ABOUT THE TCS NEW YORK CITY MARATHON

NYRR's premier event, the TCS New York City Marathon is the most loved and most inclusive marathon in the world, attracting elite athletes and recreational runners alike for the challenge and thrill of a lifetime. The race has grown tremendously since it began in 1970 with just 127 runners racing four laps of Central Park. Now, approximately 50,000 participants from all over the globe flock to New York City every November for an adrenaline-filled road tour of all five boroughs, starting on Staten Island at the foot of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge and ending in Central Park. Some run for prize money or bragging rights, others for charity or their personal best. All are cheered on by more than one million live spectators, and the race has a broadcast reach of around 710 million.

Inaugural Running

1970

Largest Field (total finishers)

51,394—2016

Recent Participation

YEAR	FINISHERS	MALE	FEMALE
2005	36,856	24,794	12,062
2006	37,869	25,548	12,321
2007	38,607	26,072	12,535
2008	38,096	25,216	12,880
2009	43,660	28,485	15,369
2010	45,103	28,948	16,155
2011	47,340	30,068	17,272
2013	50,266	36,699	19,567
2014	50,530	30,108	20,422
2015	49,595	28,899	20,696
2016	51,388	29,931	21,457

Estimated Number of Spectators

1 million+

Prize Purse

\$825,000

Official Charities

359

Event Records

Runners—Men:

2:05:06—Geoffrey Mutai, KEN, 2011

Runners—Women:

2:22:31—Margaret Okayo, KEN, 2003

Wheelchair Athletes—Men:

1:29:22—Kurt Fearnley, AUS, 2006

Wheelchair Athletes—Women:

1:43:04—Tatyana McFadden, USA, 2015